

## RAINEY NEIGHBORHOOD MOBILITY UPDATES

Waller Creek Local Government Corporation

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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE

### Update on Rainey Neighborhood Mobility Projects as Requested

- History / Plan Development
- Next Steps

## PROJECT HISTORY

2017  
Neighborhood Study



2019  
ATD Mobility Study /  
Shared Streets Pilot



2020  
Street Impact Fee

## 2017 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONED MOBILITY STUDY

- Funds provided to neighborhood by a development applicant per an agreement on the 98 Red River site
- Rainey Neighborhood Association, Business Coalition, and MACC Board led study to identify mobility improvements in the neighborhood
- Identified 30+ policies and potential infrastructure projects to help guide the neighborhood
- Focused on safety projects, completing the pedestrian network, additional connections to, from, and through neighborhood

## 2019 ATD RAINEY MOBILITY STUDY

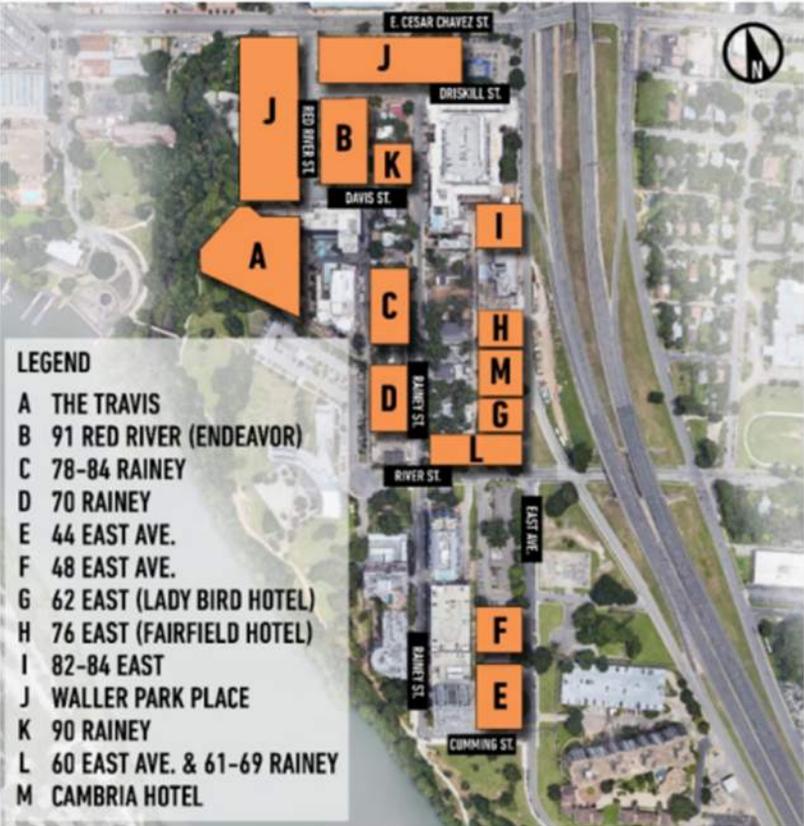
- The purpose of the study was to identify transportation-related improvements that address multimodal needs and mobility concerns in the area
- 2017 study was part of literature review and data collection
- Evaluated multiple future network configurations



# DEVELOPMENT REVIEW



Existing Development Locations



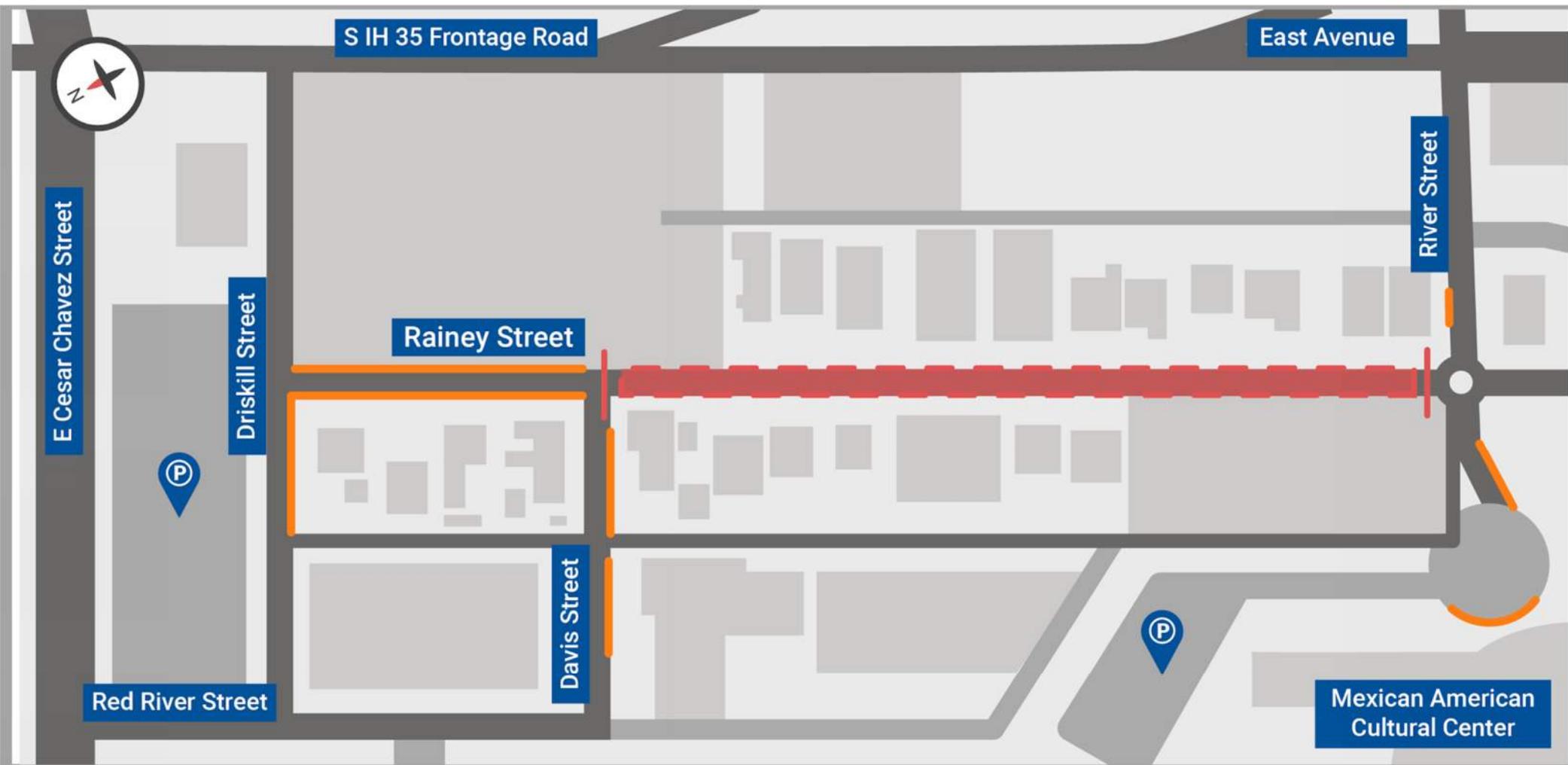
Proposed Development Locations

## SHARED STREETS PILOT DETAILS

- Resolution **20190619-186**, adopted on June 19, 2019
- Details were determined in coordination with APD and neighborhood stakeholders
  - **Days of the week:** Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights
  - **Times of day:** 9:00pm to 2:30am
  - **Pilot dates:** December 5<sup>th</sup> until March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Conducted as a safety closure
- Pedestrians, scooters, bikes, pedicabs, and electric shuttles were allowed in pilot area
- Created additional designated passenger loading and unloading zones



Pre-pilot condition on Rainey Street



**SHARED STREET PILOT ON RAINEY STREET**

Pilot start and end dates: December 5th until March 8th

Days of the week: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Times of day: 9:00pm to 2:30am

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**Street Closure**
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**Barricade**
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**Passenger Drop Off**

As of December 11th, 2019 \*Information is subject to change, visit [AustinTexas.gov/RaineyStudy](http://AustinTexas.gov/RaineyStudy) for information



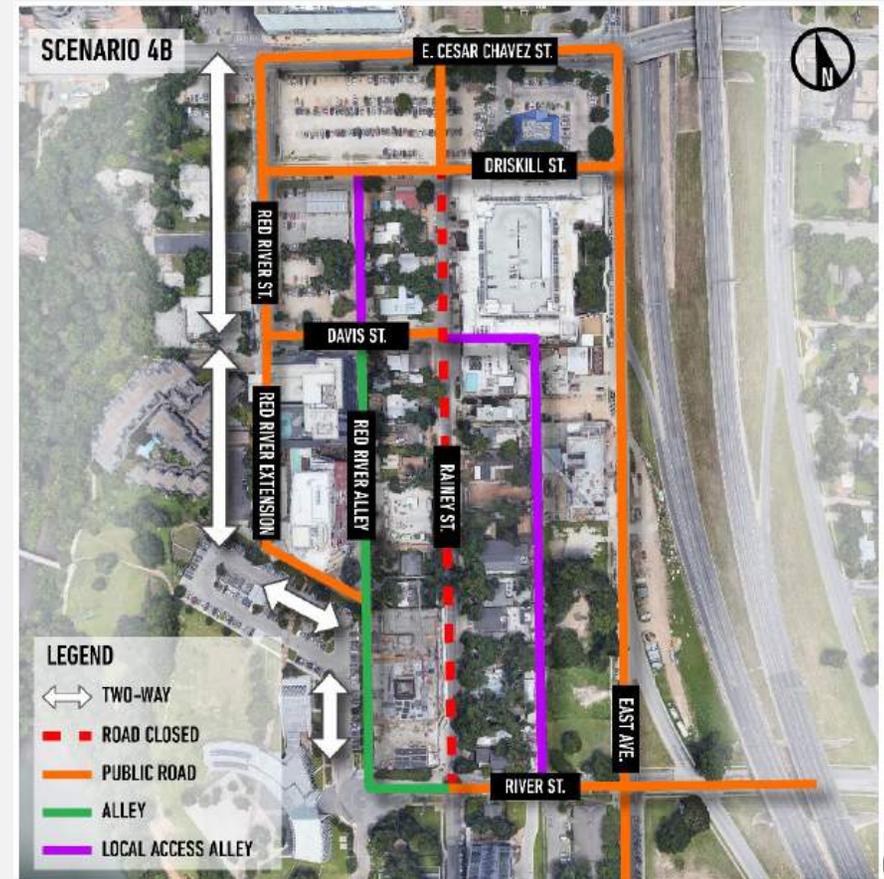
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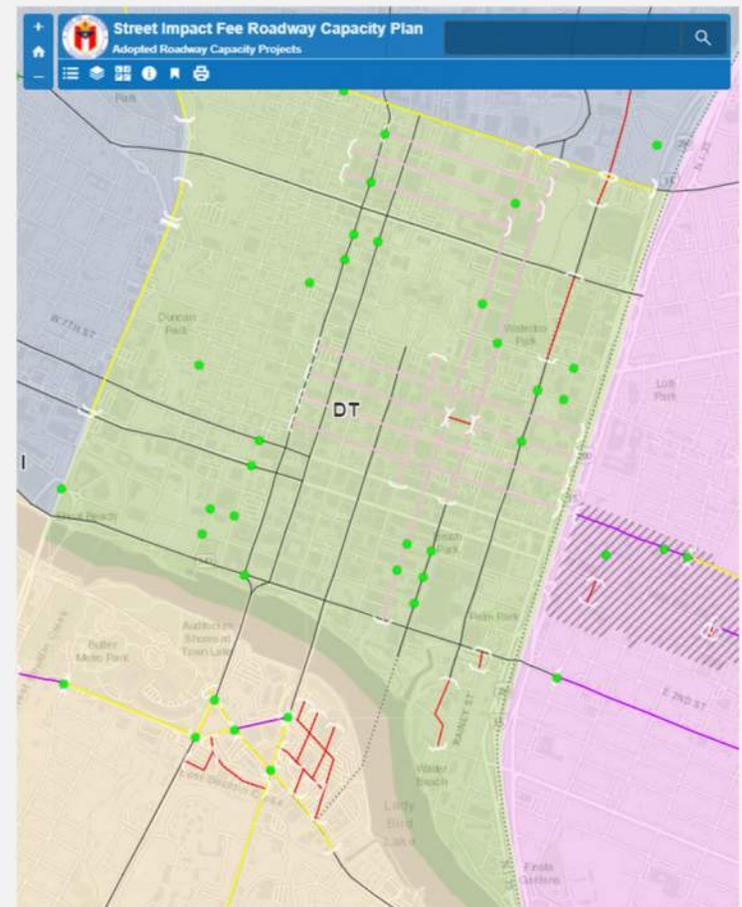
## SCENARIO WITH MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY

- Added pedestrian, bicycle, and micromobility facilities on Rainey Street and Red River Street
- Alley and intersection improvements
- Could close Rainey Street to vehicular traffic
- Could extend Red River Street, Rainey Street
- Made it possible for Capital Metro to operate within neighborhood
- Improved emergency vehicle access



## 2020 STREET IMPACT FEE

- City Council adopted a Street Impact Fee (SIF) in December 2020
- SIF defined the projects, service areas, and fee for new development
- Money will begin to be collected in June 2022
- Projects must add private vehicle capacity to be eligible for funding
- Red River Street extension and Rainey Street extension are only eligible projects



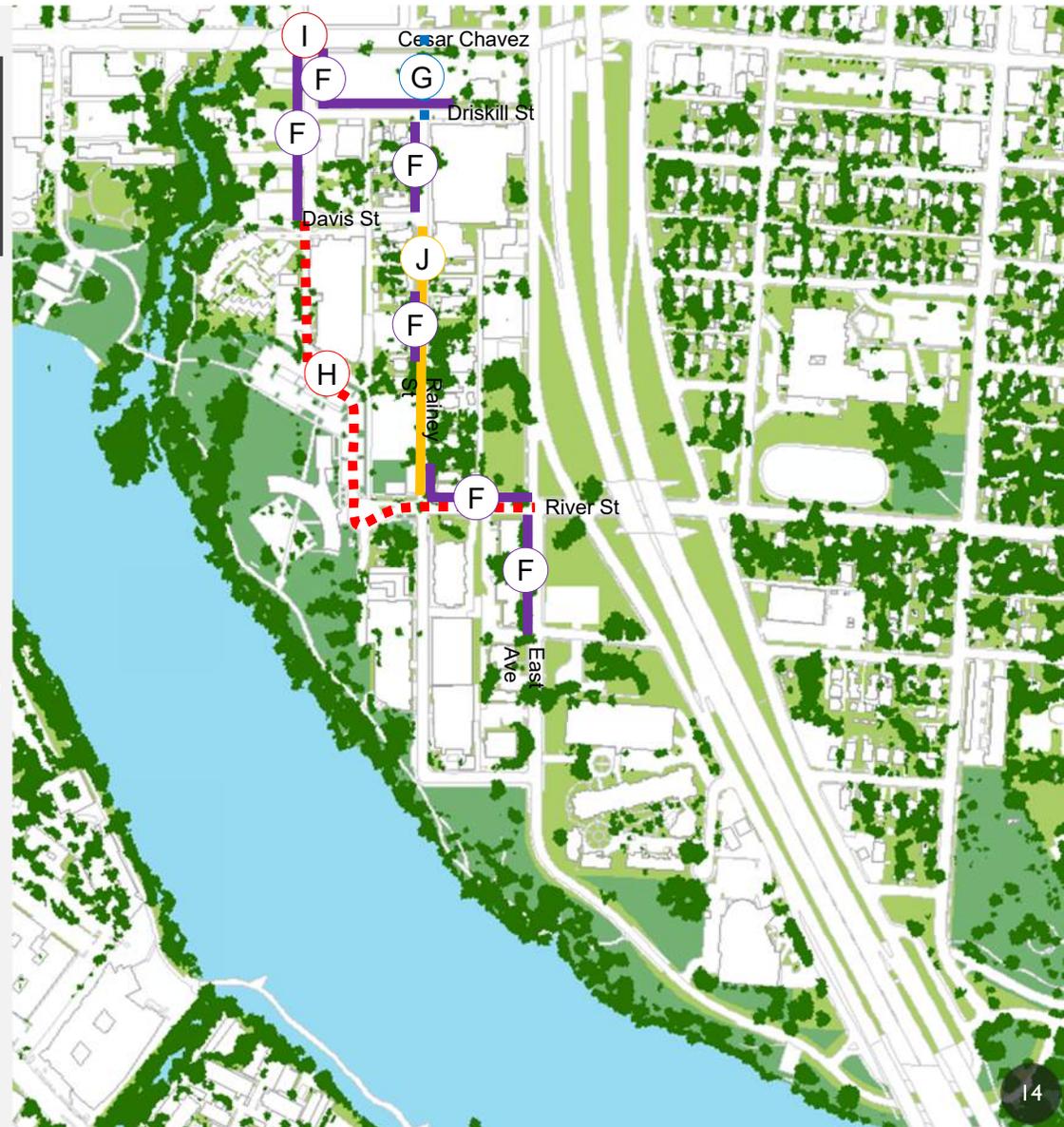
# RAINEY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

- A. Pedestrian improvements at the Rainey Street/River Street traffic circle
- B. Paving the alley east of Rainey Street from River Street to Davis Street
- C. Sidewalk construction on Driskill Street, Davis Street, and Rainey Street
- D. Street resurfacing and markings on Rainey Street, Red River Street, Davis Street, and River Street
- E. Great Street improvements with new developments



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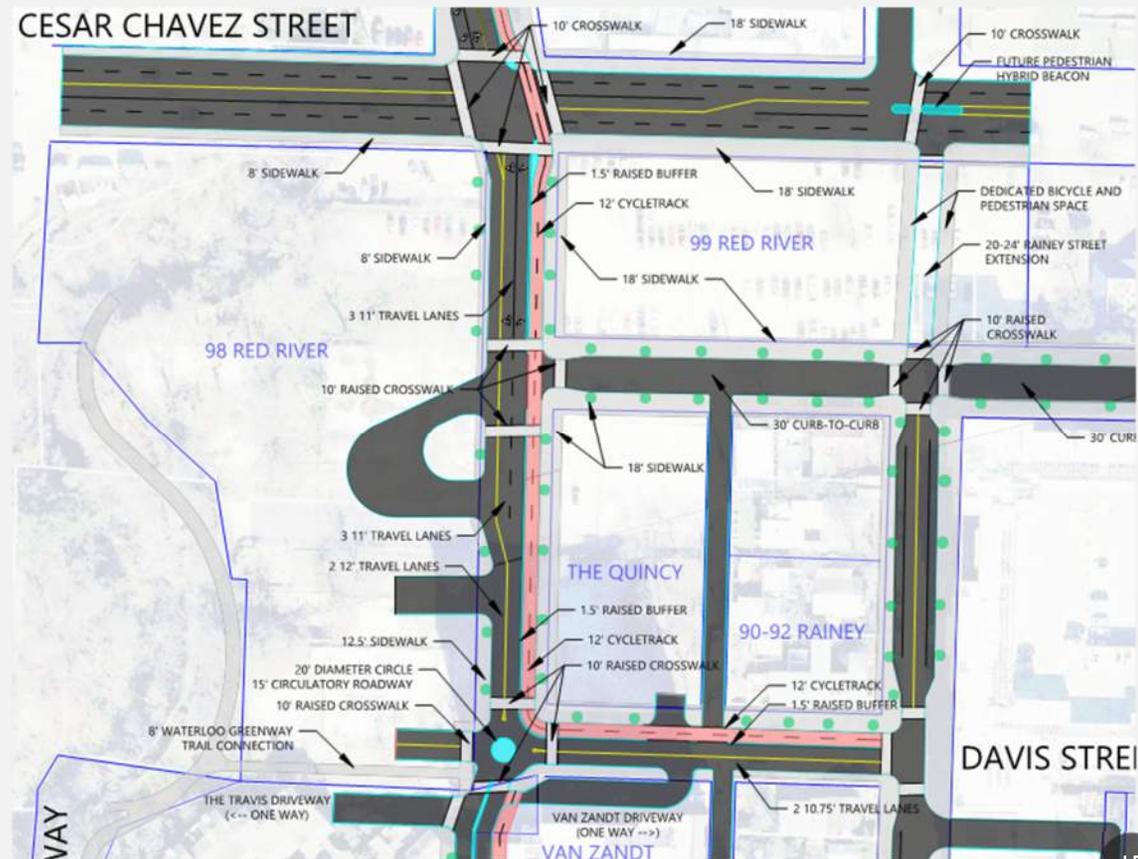
- F. Great Street improvements with new developments
- G. Rainey Street extension from Cesar Chavez Street to Driskill Street
- H. Red River Street extension from Davis Street to River Street
- I. Red River Street and Cesar Chavez Street intersection improvements
- J. Rainey Street long-term alternatives



# RED RIVER STREET SCHEMATIC

## Proposed Plan:

- Affects Red River Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to River Street
- Improve Cesar Chavez / Red River Street intersection
- Improve Davis / Red River Street intersection
- Two-way cycle track connects Rainey Neighborhood to Lance Armstrong Bikeway and Downtown Red Line Station



## SUMMARY

- Improvements will need to be community-led
  - Developers
  - Residents
  - Business owners/operators
  - Mexican American Cultural Center
- Competition for ROW is fierce
  - Improvements will occur with on-going development
- Safety is priority #1

## QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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